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25. The expandable stent-graft according to claim ~~22~~¹ wherein the tubular layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene has a first average longitudinal inter-nodule distance of between about 60 and about 140 microns.

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26. The expandable stent-graft according to claim ~~25~~⁴ wherein the tubular layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene has a first average longitudinal inter-nodule distance of between about 80 and about 120 microns.

REMARKS

The application accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a divisional application directed to claims 19-20 elected out of co-pending Serial No. 08/988,725, filed December 11, 1997. Accordingly, claims 1-18 and 21 have been cancelled. New claims 22-26 have been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application including claims 19-20 and 22-26 is in condition for allowance and favorable action is therefore solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

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